Checklist for writing an essay:

First Paragraph—Introduction

(Introduce the topic and general ideas) 

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| * State the **topic sentence** and use as many original words as you can. |  |
| * State your general idea #1 sentence that you are going to use to explain the topic. (this may be a task listed in the directions) |  |
| * State your different general idea #2 sentence that you are going to use to explain the topic. |  |
| * State your conclusion sentence to wrap up this paragraph and try to mention each general idea here only using different words. |  |

Second Paragraph –Body

(Explain only general idea #1 here with examples) 

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| * Restate general idea #1 from paragraph one from paragraph one, only using different words. |  |
| * State your first specific example sentence to explain idea #1. |  |
| * State your second specific example that you are going to use to explain idea #1. |  |
| * State your conclusion sentence to wrap up this paragraph and try to re-mention each specific example idea here only using different words. |  |

Third Paragraph—Body

(Explain only general idea #1 here with examples) 

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| * Restate general idea #2 from paragraph one from paragraph one, only using different words. |  |
| * State your first specific example sentence to explain idea #1. |  |
| * State your second specific example here that you are going to use to explain idea #1. |  |
| * State your conclusion sentence to wrap up this paragraph and try to re-mention each specific example idea here only using different words. |  |

Fourth Paragraph— Conclusion 

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| * Restate the first sentence from paragraph #1 using different words. |  |
| * Restate the second sentence from paragraph #1 using different words. |  |
| * Restate the third sentence from paragraph #1 using different words. |  |
| * State a general, overall sentence with your conclusion here. (i.e. Perhaps….) |  |